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RSL Annual Report to CENL 2006

1. Management of the library: performance indicators, planning, decision-making, evaluation, mission statement

The Federal State Institution «Russian State Library» is an official name.

The RSL mission as a National library is to preserve and provide free and wide access to cultural memory and heritage.

Number of staff – 2297, including 1648 librarians and 342 ICT specialists;

24 Doctors of Science and 148 Candidates of Science.

As of January 1, 2006 the holdings of the library amount to 43,3 million items embracing books, manuscripts, periodicals, maps, posters, electronic publications and other types of materials.

415, 0 thou copies were added to the RSL collection among them 57,5 thou foreign ones.

254,9 thou pages were conserved and restored.

2,8 thou items were bound.

2,5 M records are in OPAC, including current cataloguing records (since 1998) and retrocon records.

7,5 M items were delivered to users.

1221,4 thou users' visits to the 36 reading rooms were registered.

RSL Web-site was visited by 1036,5 thou of users.

87,7 thou new users were registered.

225,4 thou bibliographic references were delivered to users

The RSL is being managed by Director General

with assistance of the Board of Directors consisting of the Executive Director, Director on Library Resources, Director on Library and Information Service, Director on Research and Publishing Activities, Director on Informatisation, Director on International Activities, Director General Assistant, Deputy Executive Director on Complex Development.

3. Funding

2005 budgetary allocations were as big as 872,3 M rubles (increase by 25% as compared with 2004). 72,6 M rubles were fund raised (charged services, grants, scientific-research contracts and business undertaking). 353,6 M rubles were spent on reconstruction of «Pashkov House». Expenses on ICT activities increased in 2005 as compared with 2004 by 42% (68314,6 thou rubles).

4. Legislation

New law «On Information, Information Technologies and Information Protection» is in preparation. «Library Law» and «Legal Deposit Law» are under revision.

5. Buildings

136127,7 thou m² in general
61830,5 thou m² – for collections (45,42%)
8592,6 thou m² - for users services (6,31%)

6. Staffing matters

Actual expenditures on the RSL staff were 184359,2 thou rubles (increase as compared with 2004 by 28,4%).

The average salary was 7457,0 rubles (as compared with 5805 in 2004).

In spite of this young staff fluidity is a troublesome issue due to a low level of salaries.

7. Information technology and networks

1081,7 thou electronic documents

1407,7 thou users requests were electronically managed

Main problems: 1. There is misbalance between computers for staff – 1383 and computers for users – 230. 2. The whole technological process heavily depended on capacity of the central computer and LAN.

8. The digital library

There are 171 workplaces in 3 reading rooms allocated for e-library users.

Digital Thesis Library (the RSL keeps all Russian and former USSR collections of thesis with the exception of medicine) is accessible in 155 virtual reading rooms, including 85 new ones opened in 2005 across Russia and CIS, and contains 90 thou items.

400 thou scores and records of musical collections are accessible via Internet (XVI – XX).

4 M images of bibliographic records of systematic catalogue (up to 1961) are accessible in the Intranet.

112 thou of bibliographic records of serials in Russian and European languages (retroconverted under Mellon project) are accessible via Internet.

300 thou records of the data bases on culture and arts are opened to distant users in on-line regime

10. Acquisitions

Active inclusion of optical compact disks is underway.

More severe selection of legal deposit copies (38 thou are not included in 2005) was an attribute of an acquisition policy.

11. Preservation & Conservation

System of climate control management maintained temperature 18 ± 2 °C and humidity 55 ± 5 %.

11 a. Security

System of video supervision was installed in some reading rooms (about 90 video cameras).

13. Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

International Conference «Rumyantsev Readings 2005» was held on the theme «Electronic Libraries: Access to Information and Development of the socio-cultural communications» (April

2005) with participation of 250 specialists from 14 regions of Russian Federation, CIS and other foreign countries (13 in all).

Eurasian information and library congress on the theme «Knowledge society: partnership of culture, science and education for innovative development» under the aegis of UNESCO (in Russian Academy for public service under the President of the Russian Federation, December 2005) was held with participation of more than 300 specialists from science, education, culture and representatives from executive and legislative branches of power.

International Conference «Rumyantsev Readings 2006» on the theme «Libraries, museums and archives creating information and intellectual space» (in cooperation with State Tretyakov Gallery, April 2006) was held. 350 specialists including top managers of major archives, museums and libraries from 25 regions of Russia and other countries participated in this event. IFLA Coordinator on Professional Activities Sjeord Koopman was one of key speakers at the Conference.

Among 36 exhibitions in RSL 3 should be especially noted: «M. Sholokhov – 100th anniversary» jointly with the RF Writers union; «Don Quixote – 400th anniversary» jointly with the Cervantes Institute in Moscow and last but not least the exhibition «Unique archives of the Russian Émigré Newspaper «*Russkaya mysl*» come to Moscow from Paris». The unique exhibits comprising the archives of the newspaper were donated to the library by the Editorial Board of *Russkaya mysl*. These materials reflected a 60-year period in the history of Russia and Russians abroad. The general sponsor was RAO «Unified Energy Systems of Russia».

The «Bibliotekovedenie» - LIS journal, «Vestnik (herald) of Library Assembly of Eurasia», «Observatory of Culture», «Oriental collection» were regularly published and new journal «IFLA Russian Committee Newsletter» was launched as a successor of information bulletin published since 1994.

14. Library co-operation

RSL participated in

National: RLA of RF;

International: CDNL, CENL, ICOM-CC, EASL, IFLA, IAML, LIBER, CERL.

RSL has formal agreements with NLR, St-Petersburg, and 26 other NL abroad.

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